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CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
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Sir:

Ebara Corporation, Assignee of U.S. Patent 5,888,126, hereby consents to the filing of the present application for the reissue of the U.S. patent.

Ownership of U.S. Patent No. 5,888,126 by Ebara Corporation is established by an Assignment recorded in the Office at reel 7985, frame 0679-0682.

The person signing this submission is authorized to act on behalf of the Assignee Ebara Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,

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